

MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Ken McDonald, Administrator, Wildlife Division, FWP

SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

WEEK OF: December 31, 2015 Year End

Contributors to the Montana Wolf Weekly are Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Universities, USDA Wildlife Services (WS), the National Park Service (NPS; Glacier NP; Yellowstone National Park will be reported in the Wyoming Wolf Weekly), US Forest Service, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Blackfeet Nation.

PROGRAM UPDATES: Weekly reports for 2015 will be shown in an additive, running tally fashion. Senate Bill 200 (SB 200), passed during the 2013 legislative session, allows a landowner to take wolves on private land (without a license) that represent potential threats to livestock, domestic dogs, or humans.

*****NEW WEEKLY ENTRIES WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN LIGHT BLUE**

Montana Annual Wolf Report can be found on the FWP website:

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/wolf/>

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program, and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit the FWP website.

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, see <http://liv.mt.gov/default.mcp> or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.

WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICTS – 2015			NEW ENTRIES FOR12/31/2015 REPORT																
Date*	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Livestock Type, #, and Outcome															Land Type	Authorized Control Action
			Injured livestock (i), Probable kills (p), Confirmed kills (c)																
			Cattle			Sheep			Goat/ Llama			Horse			Dog				
			i	p	c	i	p	c	i	p	c	i	p	c	i	c	p		
1/4/2015	S Fork Dearborn (Lewis & Clark)	Flesher Pass			1													Private	Lethal removal
1/12/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Bloody Dick			1													Private	Lethal removal by WS (up to 2 wolves)
2/7/2015	North of Lake Como (Ravalli)	Unknown			1													Private	None
2/13/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Bloody Dick			3													Private	Lethal removal
2/16/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Bloody Dick			1													Private	Lethal removal
3/10/2015	West of Darby (Ravalli)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
3/29/2015	West of Darby (Ravalli)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
3/30/2015	Browning (Glacier)	Livermore												2				Tribal	Collar/Lethal removal
4/3/2015	Stone Creek (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal by WS (up to 2 wolves)
4/9/2015	Madison	Meadow Creek			1													Private	Lethal removal
4/15/2015	Eureka (Lincoln)				1													Private	None
4/27/2015	Big Hole Valley (Deer Lodge)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
5/20/2015	Eureka (Lincoln)				1													Private	Attempt to collar by WS
5/21/2015	Helmville (Powell)	Unknown	1															Private	Attempt to collar by WS
5/25/2015	S of Roscoe (Carbon)	Rosebud	1															Private	
5/29/2015	S of Roscoe (Carbon)	Rosebud		1														Private	
5/29/2015	Nevada Creek (Powell)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
5/31/2015	Helmville (Powell)			1														Private	Collar/Lethal removal

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6/8/2015	Stillwater	Rosebud			1													Private	
6/24/2015	St Regis (Mineral)	Olson Peak			1													Private	Lethal removal
6/24/2015	Dupuyer (Teton)	Bennie	1															Private	Lethal removal
6/29/2015	Eureka (Lincoln)				1													Public	Ongoing lethal removal
7/7/2015	NW of Absarokee (Stillwater)	Unknown		1															No action at this time
7/13/2015	S of Dillon (Beaverhead)	Unknown						4											Lethal removal
7/15/2015	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile	1																
7/27/2015	NW of Dayton (Lake)	Kerr	1	1	1													Private	Lethal removal
7/30/2015	Gravelly Range (Madison)	Romy Lake			1													Public	Lethal removal
8/4/2015	NW of Dayton (Lake)	Kerr	1															Private	Ongoing lethal removal
8/4/2015	NW of Dayton (Lake)	Kerr		1														Private	Ongoing lethal removal
8/5/2015	Eureka (Lincoln)		3															Public	Lethal removal
8/11/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown				2		9							1			Private	Lethal removal
8/13/2015	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mtn			1													Private	Lethal removal
8/13/2015	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	2		1													Private	Lethal removal
8/28/2015	West Fork (Madison)	Unknown			1													Public	
9/1/2015	West Fork (Madison)	Unknown		1														Public	
9/7/2015	Eureka (Lincoln)		1															Private	Lethal removal

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9/7/2015	SW Livingston (Park)	Hogback			1													Private	
9/14-17/2015	Ramsey (Silverbow)	Unknown	1		2													Private	traps set/will do lethal removal
9/18/2015	W of White Sulphur Springs (Meagher)	Unknown			1													Private	traps set/ lethal removal by WS
9/24/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown						2										Private	Will Collar/Release-kill what returns
9/26/2015	Divide (Silverbow)	Highlands			1													Private	Will Collar/Release-kill what returns
9/30/2015	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown		1	1													Private	Lethal removal
10/1/2015	Divide (Silverbow)	Highlands		1	5													Public	Lethal removal
10/8/2015	Nirada (Sanders)			1														Public	None
10/18/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)				1													Private	Lethal removal
10/20/2015	Hot Springs (Flathead)				1													Private	Lethal removal
10/20/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)				2													Private	Lethal removal
10/20/2015	Silver Star (Madison)	Highlands			1													Private	Lethal removal
11/7/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis	1															Private	WS attempting to lethally remove 4-5 wolves
11/8/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown	-		3													Private	Lethal Removal
11/9/2015	Sweetwater Basin (Madison)	Unknown						2										Private	Lethal Removal
12/1/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)														1			Private	Lethal Removal
12/14/2015	N Lake Como (Ravalli)	Unknown			2													Private	Lethally removed single wolf

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12/15/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown				2		4	1								Private	lethally removed single wolf	
2015 Running Total*			14	9	44	4	0	21	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0		

*There is often a lag time between activities and reporting due to ongoing investigations. Running tallies are estimates based on known data at the time of 'wolf weekly' publication and may not match final annual report numbers.

WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES – 2015			NEW ENTRIES FOR 12/31/2015 REPORT							
Date *	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Capture/Collaring			Lethal Removal		Other Mortalities (by cause)	Control Action Ongoing/ Completed	Comments
			FWP	WS	Other - Tribal/ Incidental	WS	Landowner			
1/4/2015	S Fork Dearborn River (Lewis & Clark)	Flesher Pass				1			Ongoing	
1/9/2015	Twelvemile Creek (Mineral)	Mineral Mtn						1		Shot illegally - under investigation
1/29/2015	West Boulder (Park)	Baker Mtn	1							
1/30/2015	South of Roscoe (Carbon)	Rosebud	1							
2/4/2015	Paradise Valley (Park)	Slip n Slide	1							
2/22/2015	Paradise Valley (Park)	Slip n Slide						1		Under investigation
3/5/2015	S of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mtn					1			SB 200 Take
3/9/2015	S of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mtn		1						
3/26/2015	Dell (Beaverhead)	Unknown				2				SB 200 Take
3/27/2015	NW of Dayton (Lake)	Kerr		1						
3/30/2015	NW of Dayton (Lake)	Kerr		1						
4/2/2015	NW of Dayton (Lake)	Kerr		1						
4/3/2015	Lewis & Clark	Unknown		1						
4/15/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown		1						
4/24/2015	Madison	Meadow Creek		1					Ongoing	
4/29/2015	Dupuyer (Pondera)	Bennie	1							
5/1/2015	Dell (Beaverhead)	Unknown						1		Under investigation
5/2/2015	Big Hole (Deer Lodge)	Unknown					1			Defense of property

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5/2/2015	Gallatin	Beartrap	1							
5/6/2015	Madison	Meadow Creek				1			Ongoing	
5/10/2015	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Dixie Queen (Idaho pack)					1			SB 200 Take
5/10/2015	Park	Unknown						1		Under investigation
5/11/2015	Big Hole (Deer Lodge)	Unknown				1			Completed	
5/11/2015	W Fork Bitterroot (Ravalli)	Overwhich	1							
5/12/2015	Madison	Meadow Creek				2			Completed	
5/12/2015	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Unknown					1			SB 200 Take
5/18/2015	Trout Creek (Mineral)	Unknown						1		Euthanized - injured by vehicle
5/24/2015	Upper Ruby (Beaverhead)	Unknown						1		Under investigation
6/2/2015	Powell	Unknown		1						
6/13/2015	E Fork Bitterroot (Ravalli)	Tepee Point	1							
6/13/2015	Carbon	Rosebud				1				
6/17/2015	Carbon	Rosebud				1				
6/25/2015	Roger's Pass (Lewis & Clark)	Blowout Mtn	1							
7/6/2015	W Boulder Drainage (Park)	Baker Mtn					1			SB 200 Take
7/11/2015	Madison	Toadflax					1			Defense of property
7/17/2015	S of Sun River WMA (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mtn	1							

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7/21/2015	Blackfoot (Lewis & Clark)	Landers Fork	1							
8/9/2015	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile	1							
8/11/2015	E Boudler (Sweetgrass)	Unknown					1			SB 200 Take
8/11/2015	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile	1							
8/11/2015	Whitefish Range (Flathead)	Akokala	1							
8/12/2015	Gravelly Range (Madison)	Romey Lake				1			ongoing	
8/22/2015	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mtn				1				On private land
8/25/2015	Ovando (Powell)	Inez					1			On private land/SB 200 Take
8/25/2015	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown				2			Completed	On private land
8/26/2015	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mtn		1						On private land
9/1/2015	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mtn				1				On private land
9/4/2015	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mtn				1				On private land
9/7/2015	SW Livingston (Park)	Hogback					1			On private land/SB 200 Take
9/8/2015	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mtn				3				On private land
9/14/2015	Thompson River (Sanders)	Lost Dog	1							
9/23/2015	upper Madison Hwy 287 (Madison)	Toadflax						1		Road kill

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10/1/2015	Divide (Silverbow)			1						Public land
10/3/2015	W Fork Bitterroot (Ravalli)	Alta	1							
10/4/2015	Swan Lake (Lake)	Cilly	1							
10/13/2015	Divide (Silverbow)					1			Ongoing	Public land
10/21/2015	Blackfoot (Missoula)	Morrell Mtn						1		Road kill
10/22/2015	Twin Bridges (Madison)	Unknown				4			Ongoing	Public land
10/23/2015	(Beaverhead)	Unknown				1				
10/27/2015	W Fork Bitterroot (Ravalli)	Alta	1							
10/28/2015	Glacier NP (Flathead)	Dutch	1							
12/8/2015	(Gallatin)	Beartrap					1			defense of livestock
12/11/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis				5			Completed	removal of pack
12/14/2015	N Lake Como (Ravalli)	Unknown				1			Completed	removal of single wolf

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12/15/2015	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1			Completed	removal of single wolf
12/18/2015	Lick Creek (Ravalli)	Unknown				1			Completed	removal of single wolf
12/29/2015	(Madison)							1		Road Kill
2015 Running Total*			18	10	0	32	10	9		
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